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SUBJ: REQUESTED GRAIN ALLOCATION FOR CHAD

REF: A) STATE 30606; B) NDJAMENA 393; C) NDJAMENA 390

1. AS INDICATED REF B, IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH DISTRIBUTION FROM N'DJAMENA F 30,000 TON MINIMUM GOAL GOC WILL HAVE TO HAVE HELP, VIZ. MONEY. PRIORITY FOR DELIVERY WITH PRESENT RESOURCES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE GIVEN TO U.S. SORGHUM NOW BEING SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY CHAD. OTHER GRAIN ON HAND OR AWAITED INCLUDES RICE, WHEAT AND SEMOLINA, WHICH ARE IMPORTANT FOODS, BUT WHICH CANNOT RPT NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR SORGHUM. U.S. SORGHUM IS CLOSEST THING TO MILLET AND SORGHUM PRODUCED LOCALLY. AS SUCH IT REQUIRES LEAST RE-EDUCATION AND ENTAILS LESS WASTE THAN ANY OTHER FOOD NOW BECOMING AVAILABLE. MUCH OF WHEAT IS SOLD TO GRANDS MOULINS DU TCHAD FOR MILLING AND BAKING, AND BOTH RICE AND SEMOLINA ARE CONSIDERED LUXURY FOODS, IN PART BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH PRICES.

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2. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT DONOR COMMITMENTS FULFILL NEEDS AS DEFINED BY MULTI-DONOR MISSION AND BY GOC AND OURSELVES, DELIVERIES MUST NOW BE SCHEDULED FOR POST-RAINY BUT PRE-HARVEST PERIOD BEGINNING EARLY SEPT. THIS MEANS LOADING IN U.S. PORT IN JULY, FAR TOO EARLY FOR FY 75 U.S. GRAIN TO BECOME AVAILABLE. ONLY GRAIN NOW SCHEDULED FOR THIS PERIOD IS 3,000 TONS SORGHUM, 2,000 TONS CORN, 5,000 TONS WHEAT, ALL FROM FED. CORN IS CONSUMED IN VERY SMALL AREA AROUND LAKE CHAD, THE SORGHUM IS ALL FOR SALE IN N'DJAMENA, AND THE WHEAT IS FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE AFFECTED AREA. THIS MEANS THAT AFTER ARRIVAL LAST SHIPMENT U.S. 20,000 TONS IN JUNE THERE IS NO REPEAT NO SORGHUM PROGRAMMED NOW FOR DISTRIBUTION IN CHAD. IT WAS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT DROUGHT COORDINATOR DJONOUA MADE STRONG PLEA FOR 10,000 TONS FROM NEW 100,000 TON ALLOCATION. THIS FIGURE, IN FACT, REPRESENTS EXACTLY HALF MINISTER'S ORIGINAL REQUEST AND IS MEANT TO REFLECT AWARENESS OF STORAGE AND TRANSPORT LIMITATIONS. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT EITHER WISE OR IN U.S. INTEREST TO FAIL TO RESPOND POSITIVELY WITH THE 10,000 TONS OR AT LEAST WITH A MAJOR PORTION THEREOF.

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